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Dear Sir:

With reference to the subject application, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant(s) hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner to treat any correspondence requiring a petition for extension of time as containing such a request therefor for the appropriate length of time. This general authorization is effective during the pendency of this application, including any division or continuing application therefrom.

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Respectfully submitted,

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